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PAHO’s Track Session for the Cities Summit of the Americas

The US State Department and the City of Denver will host the first-ever Cities Summit of the Americas on April 26-28, 2023. The Summit will convene city, state, municipal, and regional elected leaders from throughout the Western Hemisphere to discuss and collaborate on shared challenges and opportunities alongside diverse stakeholders, including the private sector, civil society, and non-profit agencies and government entities.

In this framework, PAHO is leading a track session as an opportunity to highlight and discuss the role of local governments in the construction of healthy cities and environments that enables individuals’ capacities. The Region of the Americas is one of the most urbanized regions in the world and the health consequences of evolving standards of urban life present enormous challenges, as well as opportunities for visionary changes, for urban populations. At the same time, the Region experiences rapid demographic and epidemiological transitions, that require preparedness to address health of all populations.

Local governments: Just implementers, or rather managers of health policies?

28 April 2023

90 min (9.00-10.30)

9.00-9.10	Opening remarks: Dra. Gerry Eijkemans Director of the Department of Social and Environmental determinants for health equity (DHE) from PAHO
Session 1 Experiences in managing policies for better health and wellbeing	
9.10 -9.40	<p>Experiences in managing policies for better health and wellbeing (8 minutes to present each experience). Moderator: Patricia Morsch, Regional Advisor for Healthy Aging, PAHO</p> <p>Urban governance for health and wellbeing Yeimy Carolina Agudelo, Mayor of Kennedy Municipality, Bogota Colombia</p> <p>Favoring healthy aging through the cities. Juan Valentin Serrano, Mayor of Ameca Municipality, Jalisco State Mexico</p> <p>Environmental sustainability and community participation. Isabella de Roldão, Vice-Mayor of Recife, Pernambuco State, Brazil</p>

Session 2 Alliances for health and well-being at local level

9.50-10.20	<p>Alliances for health and well-being at local level (8 minutes each to present a concrete experience of working in partnership, highlight the main lessons learned and point out some proposals on how to strengthen partnerships for health and well-being at the local level). Moderator: Pilar Campos Esteban, Regional advisor for Health Promotion, PAHO</p> <p>Learning from networks for health: HCCM Movement Dr. Esteban Martín Piaggio, Mayor of Gualeguaychú (Argentina) President of the Executive Committee of the HMCC Movement.</p> <p>Partnership with civil organizations for healthy environment Collaboration AARP-PAHO/WHO on promoting age friendly environments Lina Walker, Vice President, Health Security Officer AARP</p> <p>Experiences and lessons learned from the US network Lori Freeman, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)</p>
10.20-10.30	<p>Closing remarks: Dra. Gerry Eijkemans Director of the Department of Social and Environmental determinants for health equity (DHE) from PAHO</p>